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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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SUBJECT : SNIE 100-10-59 - New Estimate

1. In response to a request by the Department of State, an SNIE dealing with the consequences "for the general western negotiating posture vis-a-vis the USSR on Berlin, Germany and disarmament of any substantial reduction by the US in the near future of the forces in Europe which we have committed ourselves to contribute in meeting NATO's agreed minimum essential force requirements (MC 70)." It has been requested that this assessment take into account the effect of such a reduction on the political attitudes and defense programs of the European members of NATO.

2. This paper is to be prepared for the approval of the USIB on 10 November. Since the NSC is likely to discuss this problem during the week of 9 November, it is essential that this paper meet the deadline.

3. This paper will be brief and, because of its sensitive nature, be given limited distribution. For this reason you will receive only two copies of this memorandum.

4. It is requested that your representatives meet with us at 1400, Tuesday, 27 October in Room 154 Administration Building to provide oral contributions.

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